pered conversation, and told me to alter votes; he asked me to have it done that night, but I didn't do it that night; subsequently

Wells said it was well done; [he here show how alterations were made]. Continuing,

was examined by the sommittee which wer to New Orleans; Wells afterward told me i was asked by the committee how the return

rejected; the allidavits were sworn to before United States Commissioner Jewell; each a

fidavit was sworn to by three persons; I re-collect the names of three persons who swors to them, namely, Jim Brown, Sam Collins and Sam Carter; they made their marks; I

don't know whether there were such person

or not; the affil vits were dated, I believe November 14, 1876, and came into the office

of the board on the eighteenth of December. By Mr Field—Did Governor Wells speak about forging the name of Thomas Franklin?

Ans.—He asked me to practice so that I could make a signature to the returns, but I did not

Ques.—Since the governor came to Wash-moton have you had interestimony? Ans-ties with various parties, includ-ing Governor Kellogg and Marshal Fitkin; Governor Kellogg did not question me par-ticularly but annual anxions to do on the

ticularly, but seemed anxious to do so: Put-kin spoke about former intercurse and per-sonal relations, which had, he said, been

before testifying as to what course I shoul take; I teld him I did not intend to testify,

I could help it; he as much as inferred that

should remember my friends; he thought a wise for me to stick to my own party; this conversation took place on either Saturday or

Ques.-Is there anything you know now

In further response to questions he said

I went to the office of the board after dinner already alluded to, to compile the returns; the members of the board were in their private office; I began to make alterations in Vernon parish fifteen minutes after Governor

Wells suggested it. Judge Davis, one of the clerks, showed me how to alter the figures, and furnished a rubber; Woodward, another

repea'edly while the work was progressing; I worked all that pight, and until one o'clock

parish, but asked me to write down what h

desired; Spearing is my uncle; he often conversed with me and asked me to tell him some things that would holy the Nicholis government; my uncle was not much of a

politician: he vote I for Nicholls and for

layes. The witness said that both he and

his uncle were formerly hay inspectors at New Orleans, but were removed.

Ques.—The reporters' notes say you thu testified. Ans.—Then they are wrong.

Ques.—Did it seem to you perfectly right to make alterations? Ans.—I thought there

Ques,-Pid you think Governor Wells a

seal for making such a proposition? Ans.-

will say that I have the appearance of being

a rascal for what I have done.

Ques.—But you committed a forgery?

Ans.—I don't know the alteration of figures to be forgery. In reply to Mr. Burchard, witness said he knew of no alteration having

een made in the returns of any other par-

By Mr. Lawrence.—Were not the charges

made against you of excessive charges while you occupied the office of hay inspector? Ans.—Not to my knowledge. Witness said

Ans.—Not to my knowledge. Witness said he borrowed two hundred dollars of Spear ling to pay his expenses; the indebtedness was settled, there being an old account be-

tween them; Searling gave him forty dollars while they were in New York together, Spearling telling him he had an advance

om the sergeant-at-arms.

By Mr. Field.—How much scratching was

one? Ans.-I do not know. During the

urther examination of witness, he said the

routilgation of false returns was signed by

THE EAST.

Montenegro and Servia Making Terms

Grow Stronger.

with Turkey-Hopes of Peace

London, January 30.—A St. Petersburg

correspondent of the *Times*, in a letter dated Japuary 22d, says: "The czar's Moscow

I the members of the returning board.

was nothing wrong in obeying directions.

mg going on.

Sherman also let off

wants to go behind them, or before them,

on either side of them, or to waltz around them. His claims that he is a returning board

of one, have all been overruled. He will not

be allowed to Ferry a R. eturning B. oard Haye

across the Stygian gloom of a fraudulent count-in. The American people, through

their senators and representatives, resunt their legal rights, and Ferry becomes a men

e ought to know; "he's one of 'em." Morton and Chandler would only ful

what pretty things they could say of

other. Simon Cameron says he don't like the electoral bill, as it will surely elect Tilden "Jess so." whem! "jess so." If Mr. Wheele intends to give us that inaugural address

which he says his principal has composed now is the accepted time. Mr. Hayes wil

Washington, and if it centains anything ele

certainly never have occasion to read it in

quent upon the subject of civil service reform and the duty of the Republican administra-tion, Grant, Chandler and Packard should

now have a chance to profit by it. The gorgeous promises which it is said to contain, will be the more delightful now that the coun-

try will not run the risk of disappointment.

Mr. Conkling occupied the attention of the
senate last Tuesday in defense of the electoral

bill. There was quite a commotion in all parts of the house as he opened, for some thing extraordinary was looked for, and his

sion, showing that he had very profound!

mastered his subject. It is regarded as his finest effort in the senate. As Edmunds ground to powder the Vice-President fallacy, Conkling certainly scattered the fragments in every direction. He showed precedents

of the senate to count the vote, whether good, bad or indifferent. The extreme Radicals are

sorely beaten, and as a last resort, say they I fight before they will submit to

go the White House. Well, they cannot carry out their designs with Grant's soldiers now

here, particularly as one half of them voted for Uncle Sam Tilden. Alas the senate will no more reverberate with the voice of the

mighty Logan. Poor John, we'll see the last

of him this session. Who will be the next Radical to step down and out? Truly the

ountry is cleaning itself of the war accidents.

attentive listeners were not disappointed. I

CLOSING RATES Yesterday of cotton and gold: Licerpool cotton, 6 13-16d. New York cotton, 13 1-8c. New Orleans cotton, 12 1-4c. Memphis cotton, 12 1-4c. New York gold, 105 5-8. The Sixteenth Amendment to the Consti Memphis gold, 105.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WARD DEPT., OFFICE CH. Sie. OFFICES, | WARRINGTON, JADUARY 31, 1 a.m. | Indications for Tennessee and Ohio ralley, falling, followed by a rising barometer, warm southerly winds, recring to cooler westerly or northwest, partly cloudy weather, and posably an occasional rain.

OBSERVATIONS YESTERDAY. WAR DEP'T, SIGNAL SERVICE U. S. ARMY, J. TURSDAY, Jan. 30, 1877, 10:08 p.m. Bar, Ther Wind Weather. Gentle. Clear.
Gentle. Cloudy.
Lught. Fair.
Culm. Clear.
Light. Clear.
Gentle. Cloudy.
Gentle. Fair.

W. M'ELBOY, Sergeant.

A continuous rain-storm is reported prevailing on the Pacific slope.

THE Connecticut house of representatives yesterday, on motion of a Democratic member, thanked the President for his message indorsing the electoral bill.

A property from Washington, at midnight last night, reported Hon. A. H. Stephens having grown much worse during the evening, and was at that hour very low.

Pages correspondents deny emphatically that Prince Gortschakoff has retired from the Russian chancellorship; also, that Russia has given Servin permission to treat with Turkey

Then seems to be many serious obstacles in the way of peace between Turkey and Servia, which cannot be overcome without the former making concessions as humiliating as would have been ber yielding to the arbi-

THE treasury agents at Boston have miearlied a big swindle in connection with one of the largest manufacturing companies of belonging to the government.

The legislature of Mississippi is setting an excellent example of legislative carnestness working energetically for an adjournment on the first, and already has accomplished an amount of valuable and needed legislation that will challenge the confidence of the peo-

WE publish elsewhere the full text of the bill providing a reasonable measure of rehet for the tax-payers of the State which has al-ready passed the house, and will no doubt the senate. It affords a breathing spell to tax- ordered that each senator be called, and that payers, without embarrassment to the State, of the five senators whom he desired to serve and should encourage all indebted for taxes on the committee. to make an effort before the lapse of the days of grace to pay promptly,

THE evidence of Littlefield, the secretary of the Radical returning board of Louisiana. confirms all that the Democrats of that State their duty in connection with the Presidential question. It is a shameless confession of robbery and forgery, which should send Weils, Packard, Anderson and Kellogg to the

Ler's all take a look at the contract between the gas company and the city and see if there is any clause in it which provides that the city shall be in darkness two or three hours, as was the case last night, before pale Luna sheds her silver sheen over the face of nature. We wave the fact of its being cloudy, and will be satisfied with the weird light of the moon strained through the thick canopy of cloud; at the same time, cloud or no cloud, let us have the gashights at least until the

THE preparations for Mardi Gras are this year on a scale quite equal to the reputation dempins enjoys for spectacular displays. The day scenes and sights will, it is expected, be quite as grotesque as those which have advise the house of representatives of the acmarked our earlier celebration of the day, and marked our earlier celebration of the day, and the the procession of the Ulks preparatory to and bill.

THE communication on the proposed repeal of the city charter, which appeared in the Ap-PEAL of yesterday, attracted a great deal of attention, and its suggestions met the approval of more than one of our prominent itizens. Without defining our own position as to what our correspondent put so clearly "Citizen's" proposed amendments to the charter will not be allowed to pass unheeded by those who are so anxious for a change or changes in our city government that will bring the tax-payers some relief. An absorbing question, these charter changes, cannot

be too earnestly discussed. THE only objection to the bill providing or the establishment of three superior courts that we can see, is that it does not relieve the amount of work with which they are at present oppressed, and cannot, therefore, insure to litigants the relief from the "law's delays" to which they are entitled. If the bill were aprene court judges of the overwhelming so amended as to provide for a supreme court of three, to sit during three sessions of three months each in every year, in Nashville, and

withdrew from the canvass for United States | mission appointed to reorganize the army send; or this morning, and three ballots were had tree ballots were had. The last, and fifteenth, was as follows: Plumb, 57; Osbora, 41; Simons, 25; Sensora, 42; Simons, 25; Sensora, 42; Simons, 26; Sensora, 43; Simons, 26; Sensora, 44; Simons, 26; Sensora, 45; Simons, 26; Sensora, 45; Simons, 26; Sensora, 45; Simons, 26; Sensora, 45; Simons, 26; Sensora, 46; Simons, 2 send or this morning, and three ballots were had reported that it was not at this time pre-

CONGRESSIONAL.

tution of the United States-The Indebtedness of the Pacific Railroads.

Admission to the Capitol During the Count of the Electoral Vote-The Police Board of the District

-The House Commissioners.

SENATE.

are appoint, by riva roce vote, five senators to be members of the commission on the electoral count, and gave notice that he would call the resolution up at half-post three o'clock to-lay.

Senator Edmunds

Senator Edmunds submitted a resolution authorizing and directing the president of the senate to appoint two tellers on the part of the senate, to perform the duties required by the absoluted count bill, which executy bassed. Agreed to.

Senator Allison submitted a resolution providing that the proceedings before the commission authorized by that bill be printed in e Congressional Record from day to day. Senator Hamlin submitted a resolution in

structing the committee on rules to inquire and report what, if any, rule should be adopted for the filmission of persons to the capitol during the counting of the votes for President and Vice-President; and that the committee confer with the committee on rules of the house of representatives. Agreed to. A large number of petitions were present-

ed asking the adoption of the sixteenth amendment to the constitution of the United tates, prohibiting States from disfranchising persons on account of sex. Senator Christiancy, in presenting the petition, said he was informed that there was not a single drunkard, gambler, or person of vicious life, among the petitioners, and that he believed the statement. His observations in Michi-gan, where over forty thousand votes were given for female suffrage, satisfied him that the people advocating this amendment were among the most thoughtful and intelligent

The So-Called President and Present Chief-Justice of Mexico Makes a Statement in Explanation of people of the country.

Senator Cameron [Pa.] submitted a resolution directing the secretary of the senate to procure one hundred copies of Hickey's Constitution of the United States for the use of

Massachusetts, which will involve about five hundred thousand dollars of duty tariff belonging to the same can be obtained for one dollar and fifty cents per copy.

Agreed to. Senator Boutwell, from the conference committee on the bill to perfect the revision of the statutes of the United States, submitted

SECRETARY ROBESON, of the navy, on the witness stand in Washington yesterday in the police commission investigation, testified that be did not remember the interview between himself and Murtagh, reported to the investi
ate bill for the punishment of persons makgating committee by the latter gentleman ing or having in their possession dies, moulds, etc., for manufacturing counterfeit coin. Placed on the calendar.

Placed on the calendar.

Consideration was then resumed of unfinished business, it being the bill to amend the Pacific railroad acts so as to provide for a sinking fund for the settlement of the indebtedness due the governvent by the said com-panies, and Senstor Mitchell continued his argument against the bill Senator Thurman followed Senator Mitchell, and he argued that concress had the power to alter and amend the Pacific railroad acts, and denied that the bill reported by the udiciary committee was unconstitutional or that it impaired any obligations of contract.

Senator Cragin nominated Edmunds, Morton and Frelinghuysen. Senator Stevenson nominated Thurman and

Bayard.

The roll was called, and at the conclusion of the roll-call the president pro tem. an-nounced that sixty-five votes had been cast, of confirms all that the Democrats of that State have charged against Wells & Co., and cannot fail to decide wavering Republicans as to Thurman and Bayard had received the unanmous vote of the senate, and had therefore een chosen as members of the electoral com-

The only senators absent and not voting were Senators Dennis, Eaton, Hamilton, Harvey, Howe, Norwood and Price. S-nator Hamlin, from the committee on rules, said that the committee had met with the house committee on rules in regard to some rule governing admission to the capitol during the count of the electoral vote, and he lution directing the sergeants-at-arms of the senate and house of representatives, respectively, to appoint fifty men to serve as special policemen at the capitol during the canvass of the vote for President and Vice-President, or for such portion of said time as they shal deem necessary, the expense to be paid equally from the contingent fund of each

house.

After some discussion, the resolution was agreed to, Senator Hamlin explaining by saying it was well known to all that the police force of this city was demoralized, and that the object of appointing these special police was to have them look after the light-fingered gentry who would be there. The secretary of the serate was directed to

conclusive of the surrender of the city will be a fitting prelude to the storied and poetic magnificence which the magic Memphi have prepared. The balloon ascension, under fracey's supervision, will be the most novel feature of the displays, which, for variety and richness, will far surpass that of any previous year in our history.

bill.

Senator Sherman submitted an amendment to the bill in regard to the sinking fund to pay the indebtednes due from the Pacific roads shall pay into the treasury to the credit of such sinking fund twenty-five per cent. of their whole net carnings, provided the amount paid in any one year shall not exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars; and the amount thus paid in shall be in lieu of the five per cent. of the net earnings lieu of the five per cent. of the net earnings and one-half for the amount earned for transporting the mails, etc., paid into the treasury under the existing law. Ordered printed.

The chair laid before the senate a message. from the President calling the attention of congress to the necessity of continuing the board for testing iron and steel, and recom-mending an appropriation of forty thousand dollars to continue such board. He speaks of and cogently before our readers, we hope the value of the experiments, and refers to the Ashtabula disaster as an instance where the calamity might have been averted by a more

thorough knowledge of iron, etc. Ordered printed and referred to the committee on appropriations. The senate then went into executive session, and when the doors were reopened ad-

HOUSE.

A bill appropriating five hundred thousand dollars, to be paid to J. B. Eads, for the construction of the Mississippi river jetties, etc.,

save time, moved that the five should be voted for together.

Mr. Buckner objected, and demanded a

The speaker ruled that the matter was in the power of the house. He submitted the question, and the house decided by a vote of 70 to 20 to vote on all five at the same time. The clerk then proceeded to call the roll, and each member responded, repeating the five names in their order. Some of the Republicans changed the order, commencing with the Republican candidate. The vote as finally summed up was as follows: Payne, 263; Hunton, 263; Abbott, 263; Garfield, 240; Hoar, 264. Three votes were given for M'-Crary [Iowa], by Buckner, Candler and Smith [Ga_i; four for Foster [Ohio] by Cook, Haririeige, Sireford and Robers; one each for Mills, Singleton and Blackburn, by Hoge; one for Lynde, by Magoon, two for Willard, by John Reilly [Pa.] and Henkle, one for Townsend [N. Y.], by Long, and one for Wood [N. Y.], by B. R. Wells [Mo.]

The speaker thereupon announced the apquestion, and the house decided by a vote of

The speaker thereupon announced the ap-pointment of Messas. Payne, Hunton, Abbott,

the last session from the committee on judi ment of patents, and provides that damages can only be recovered for infringements which is the recovered for infringement which is the recovered to the recovery of the infringement.

Mr. Cox offered a resolution directing the judiciary committee to inquire into the pro-priety of reporting a bill, or amendment to the constitution, if necessary, providing for the decision of any questions which may arise as to the regularity or authenticity of returns of electoral votes for President and Vice-President, or the right of persons who gave votes, or the manner in which they ought to be counted; and that such law or amendment provide for jurisdiction as well as course of proceeding in all cases of real controversy.

The house then took up the resolution reported from the judiciary committee, declar-ing that Colorado is a State of the Union, and that James B. Belford has been elected as representative from that State. Without action, the house adjourned.

IGLESIAS.

his Course.

He will Return Home from San Franciseo, at any Risk or Cost, and will Fight as a Patriot, without For-eign Intervention or Help.

San Francisco, January 30.—Iglesias has been interviewed regarding the statement telegraphed from Washington, Sunday. He says: "It is entirely wrong, except on one point—that the constitution does not actually probability the weakering the president—but prohibit the re-election the president—but even on that point there is reason for com-plaint against Lerdo, for he had agreed at his election that he would not attempt to hold the office for a second term. Other statements contained in that article are not based on fact; I am no anarchist or breeder of revolution, nor do I assume infallibility of judg-ment. I declared in my first manifesto that ment. I declared in my first manifeste that the right was not vested in me to proclaim the election of Lerdo void, but the people; and I called upon them to decide the question. I claimed then, and still claim, that his pretended election was unconstitutes and fraudulent, for, in the first place, it was not general; and, in the second, it was not an expression of the public sentiment. Several of the States—some six or eight—were eral of the States—some six or eight—were occupied by Diaz, and there was consequently no vote cast; and in many others, the mili-tary, by Lerdo's orders, took possession of the polls, to the entire exclusion of the constitutional officers, the consequence being that in those States a meagre vote was cast, and that, of course, solid for Lerdo. The latter's partisans declare the election valid because it was so declared by those members of congress was so declared by those members of congress who owed their places to it. They made this declaration on the twenty-sixth day of O tober, and I issued my first proclamation two days later, although Lerdo's first term would not expire until the first of December. This arose from the necessities of the situation, for this decision of the unconstitutional congress was a congress.

be the doubts of some people as to the past. As Lerdo is no longer in Mexico, and as he as chief justice, am the only person constitu-tionally qualified to assume the executive of the government. My absence is different, for I am here by accident only. I have not the slightest intention to go east, neither to New Orleans nor elsewhere, but will leave this place for Mexico direct, either in one of our men-of-war or an American steamer, and it is my intention to land upon and remain upon

Bond Forger Arrested, New York, January 30,—On yesterday a gentleman called on the president of the East River bank, stating that his name was Cyrus G. Clark, and took from his pocket a number

of Central Pacific railroad bonds, represent-ing a face value of twenty-one thousand dol-lars. On these he asked a loan of twelve thousand dollars. The president asked to have them left for examination and gave the man nine hundred and fifty dollars, the latter promising to call in the morning for the remainder. Afterward the bonds were found to be forged, and the matter was reported to the police, who arrested Clark to-day. He said that he found the bonds lying on the sidewalk at the corner of Ann and Broadway streets, about three weeks ago. Clark was held for examination. The numbers of the counte feit bonds are 9529, 9995, 9493, 9422, 9485, 9487, 9499, 9495, 9552, 9517, 9525, 9547, 9551, 9585, 9640, 9643, 9954, 9948, 9983 and

Rumors Concerning Swindles Prac-ticed Upon the United States Trea-sury Contradicted.

Washington, January 29.—Rumors of ex-tensive swindles upon the United States trea-sury were rife in Washington yesterday, but Treasurer Wyman says there is nothing in them, and explains that two or three million dollars of unclaimed interest on bonds resting in the treasury suggests extraordinary inducements to claim agents, who are constantlaim agents sometimes gets hold of the wrong party of the same name, from whom the agent procures the power of attorney to collect the interest. In this way moneys have been erroneously paid out, but such moneys have invariably been refunded after detection cated these facts to Mr. Spearing, my uncle, and gave him the paper to be used by him. of the mistake, and the treasurer has not lost and gave him the paper to be used by him

Arkansas Patrons of Husbandry.

Bulldozing Confessed.

Littlefield, the Clerk of the Louisiana Board Unfolds a Tale whose Lightest Word Harrows the Radical

was asked by the commutee how the returns from Vernon were received, and in consequence he felt very uneasy; he first said to ne, "Can't you make a copy of the original? Find out what will make the aggregate, and we'll reject them;" he then said, "We will have affidavits prepared," meaning affidavits showing why the polis of Vernon parish were showing why the polis of Vernon parish were specified. the Originals of the Returns from Certain Parishes, and Forged Figures to Insure Packard's Election.

The Worst Charges of the Opponents of the Bulldozers Verified-Kellogg, Wells, Packard & Co. Ripe for the Louisiana or the Albany Penitentiary.

Louis M. Kenner on the Louisiana Elec-WASHINGTON, January 30,-The commit tee on powers, privileges and duties of the house in counting the electoral vote to-day recalled Louis M. Kenner, of the Louisiana returning board, who testified as to the vacancy in the Louisiana returning board, that Dr. Kennedy, who was proposed to fell it was a Demi posed to fill it, was a Dem-ocrat, and a man of fair standing in the community. Wells and Anderson were against Kennedy. Witness knew Hayes was elected by throwing out votes; votes were thrown

Sunday night. Ques.—Was anything said about furnish out because there was evidence of intimida-tion, hanging, men driven from the polls and ing counsel or about protecting you? Ans.—
He said if I desired he would engage counsel.
Mr. Lawrence then examined the witness, from their crops, and therefore the board thought they were justifiable in doing so; we had some testimony of persons who voted the Democratic ticket through fear. who was reminded that he said, when he was examined yesterday, that he was not aware of his rights. Witness said that since then Witness thought there were ten incidents in which affidavits of intimidation, etc., came in with the returns; some other affidavits eame from persons who were afraid to make them in their respective leading to the testimony under protest, which would clear him of control to the control of t in their respective localities, owing to threats and intimidations; everything was quiet in New Orleans; know nothing about the country where there were one or two instances of a little disturbance; believe there were some affidavits concerning such disturbances; there tempt. hat you did not know yesterday? Ans. am only giving my testimosy under protect; I was in contempt when I saw Mr. Murphy. Ques.—You altered no other return than this? Ans.—None was altered but this one so far as I know; I saw considerable acratch-

were charges of bribery, such as giving voters suits of clothes or a pair of shoes, but could not tell how many men had told him that they had been driven from their homes; that they had been driven from their nonies, had no knowledge of any part of an original return having been altered, nor had he any knowledge that the board had any consultation on that subject, or that there was any fraud by the board, or any member thereof or under their direction or knowledge; there was no consultation of knowledge; there was no concealment from the Democratic committee of any papers before the board, and the accounts of the proceedings were clerk, assisted on Monday; other clerk; must have seen it done; Governor Wells came in

published in the newspapers.

Ex-Governor Kellogg was briefly examined concerning the elections in Louisiana. He concerning the elections in Louisiana. He had no personal knowledge of Levisse being a United States commissioner and Brewster surveyor-general at the time they were voted for, but he knew they absented themselves from the college, and that other electors filled the vacancies.

Kenner and Cassanave, both of the resonance of the totals; I handed the original to Governor Wells; Abell came in just as they were being burned; Abell said such destruction was usually done outside the place of meeting of the board; Governor Wells told me either to destroy or make ways with the altered statement of the resonance.

turning board, were before the committee this afternoon. The examination of the former resulted in his being compelled to produce a private memoranda taken by mm. If I made way with the altered statement of the retree this afternoon, now in the possession of the former resulted in his being compelled to produce a private memoranda taken by mm. the former resulted in his being compelled to produce a private memoranda faxon by num-self in the board during the addition, compilation and statement of the returns. The memoranda showed that numerous precincts were thrown out on the alleged grounds of intimidation, violence, etc. There was nother than the possession this committee; Governor Wells asked that committee; Governor Wells asked that not in the office." I took the paper to home and it went from my hand to the Mr. Spearing; Governor Wells not only a request to alter the returns from Verion, now in the possession this committee; Governor Wells asked the committee of the committee of the committee; Governor Wells asked the committee of the committee o were thrown out on the alleged groun is of intimidation, violence, etc. There was nothing in the memoranda about Vernon parish. Witness said he made his notes of the proceedings only while he was present at the

Littlefield, the Little Clerk of the Lit-tle Louisiana Beturning Board, 'Feli-ing What Little he Knows About Lit-tle Governor Wells.

Washington, January 30. — Littlefield, clerk of the Louisiana returning board, testified before the Morrison house committee to-day, that on the third of December he altered the original returns from two of the polls in Vernon parish, so as to transpose one hundred and seventy-eight Democratic vertex. hundred and seventy-eight Democratic votes the unconstitutional congress was a coup of etat, and by sanctioning it and by his action Lerdo lost his legal title to the presidency, as well in the present as in the future. General altered originals and substituting them for Comonfort, in 1857, two months after he had entered the presidential chair, subverted the laws, and Juarez, then chief-justice, declared member which, but at all events with Governor with the originals, the latter were burned either by himself or Governor Wells; he did not remember which, but at all events with Governor with the originals, the latter were burned either by himself or Governor Wells; he did not remember which, but at all events with Governor wells.

himself president and was supported by a vast majority of the people. I have but followed his example at present, whatever may field, and, reading a certain answer from the page notes of yesterday which the witness is recorded as having made, he asked him how declares his intention of remaining away, I, it was that his answers of yesterday and

my intention to land upon and remain upon Mexican soil, even if it must be as a prisoner. I have received several offers of military assistance from American officers. I reiterate the fact that it is utterly impossible for me to accept their aid. Ours is an internecine struggle, in which foreigners should take no part, and I should rather teel that every hope is lest than to accept their aid. and I should rather teel that every nope is lost than to accept victory by such means. Iglesias remarked that he was informed as to the person from whom the Washington state-the person from whom the Washington state-the witness to look at the paper marked S, and he answered, after a slight inspection. that it was the same that was before the re-turning board. The witness, in reply to question, said that he was requested by Governor Wells to take the returns of two polls. taking the votes from the Democrats and giv-

ing them to the Republicans; from polls two and nine; the number of votes thus trans-ferred was one hundred and seventy-eight; the original figures were erased and those required written in their place.

By Mr. Field—What motive did Governor Well assign for making the change? Answer-To elect Hunter judge, Andrews attor-

me to destroy or make way with it; I felt that I had done a little too much

and others in whom confidence could be placed to be used in behalf of the Nicholls

government, which Spearing supported, and thought that Nicholls was elected governor;

speech certainly remains unqualified by any later declaration, but at the same time it is evident, judging by the tone of society at St. Petersburg and Moscow, as well as by that of public opinion in general, that this famous speech, although not officially retracted, is virtually withdrawn. The argument adduced by members of Russian societies. ney and Kelso State senator, the parishes being in the judicial district in which Governor Wells resided.

Question—Was one of the persons named James Andrews who refused to accept office on the ground that he was not fairly elected? ment adduced by members of Russian socie-ty, in justification of this course, is that Eu-rope having interfered and the conference having failed, Russia, notwithstanding what the emperor said at Moscow, is relieved from all i ndividual responsibility. With regard to the preparation of the army in Bessabaria, modulization has failed, and the army is in Answer—I presume so, from the fact that he was a candidate for district attorney. Mr. Field exhibited the credentials of elec-tion of two friends of Wells, Hunter and Kelso, which witness believed to be genuine. By Mr. Field—When the change of figures any thing but a satisfactory condition. was accomplished in the way you say, what became of the original papers from Vernon parish? Answer—I was instructed by Gov-ernor Wells to bring him two statements acing lived in this country during the whole coo; ese of the present crisis, and having carefully watched, both here and at Moscow, the van ring drift of public opinion, I unhesita-tingly declare my conviction that the emcompanying the consolidated statement; gave them to him the day after their officia promulgation; he was about to put them into his pocket when I asked him whether it to svar." Eagusa, January 30,-The British, Gerwas not indiscreet to do so, and he said I was right in reminding him; whether he or I destroyed them I can't say, but I saw them burned; as to the original statement of the polls of Vernon parish, Governor Wells told

LONDON, Jonuary 30,-The Post semiofficially says: "We may hope that in the course of the next month assurances will be

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Suicide.

Sr. Louis, January 30.—Prof. Edward L. Saymour, a gentleman of high scientific at
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WASHINGTON.

said; Wells asked me the same night to make the change in the electoral vote; Well The Oregon Election in the Senate Salary-The Supreme Court Justices and the Commission.

> on the Electoral Vote Bill-Goodbye to Logan & Co.

> > The Oregon Election.

The President's Salary.

Washington, January 39.—The house committee on appropriations will, in the legislative and executive appropriation bill, fix the President, and accompany it will a provision repealing the section of the revised thousand dollars.

Wholesale Conspiracy Between Government Officials and Smugglers Incomment Officials and Smugglers Incompletely and for dishonesty it has no equal anywhere on the face of God's earth." Well, anywhere on the face of God's earth. Well, anywhere on the face of God's earth. Well, anywhere on the face of God's earth."

Supreme Justices Preparing to Enter Upon the Duties of the Electoral Com-mission.

Washington, January 30—Associate-ustices Clifford, Strong, Miller and Fields, designated by the electoral bill as members of the judicial branch of the commission, were in secret conference to-day on the selection of the fifth member. They decline to make known their action until they submit the name of the 66th justice to congress. It considered, however, that to-morrow morning very soon after they reassemble, they will select Justice Bradley as the fifth member, and promptly communicate the fact to both ouses, there being sufficient reason to be eve that he would have been selected to-da bad it been authoritatively ascertained, prior to the adjournment of congress, that Justice Davis would positively decline the position offered him. It is conjectured that the embar rassment of consultation to-day arose mainly f not entirely from the conflicting accounts as to the willingness of Justice Davis to serve on the commission, which were not set at rest till after the conference had formally ad-journed for the day. It is currently reported, however, although, of course, the statement cannot be made upon authority, that one or vis under a belief entertained on the part of ose present that, although he had expressed disinchination to serve upon the commis-tion, he would nevertheless accept the posi-The supreme court justices to sit on the electoral commission have obtained from the

librarian of congress copies of the election laws of Oregon, Florida and Louisiana, and ensions thereon.

The Debate on the Electoral Bill and its Results. Washington, January 29.—The proceed ings of congress for the past week have been "red-hot." All the superannuated war-horses of the radical part of the Republican party have been on the war-path to defeat the electoral bill, but the way Conkling and Edmunds lashed Morton and his co-conspirators was the most merciless triumph over Radicalism ever witnessed in the American that "if there ever was a political Hell Gate, paved and noneycombed with dynamite," it was Morton and his fanatical followers. "Old Paralytic" Morton looked at him with stony resignation, apparently convinced that the New York statesman had found him out. "Sunstroke" Blame let off a few feeble re-marks against the bill, and crawled out of the light as cowardly as he hid behind a doctor's ertificate in his encounter with the house last ession. The enemies of the measure made a mplete surrender, as the friends of the bil had shown no quarter and would have no con difions, or terms, or amendments in the final capitulation. The overwhelming majority with which the bill passed the senate made its passage a foregone conclusion in the house after the formality of a short debate. Should the bill pass to-day it will be sent to the Presthe bill pass to-day it will be sent to the Fres-ident immediately, and as he to-day repeated that he was in favor of its passage, will un-doubtedly sign it, and the bill will promptly become a law. The promotion of Judge Hoar to the senate was a well-de-served reward for his meritoriously patriotic efforts in behalf of good government, while a member of the electoral committee. Judge Davis has concluded not to resign his positi on the supreme court bench until after the fourth of March, as he has been requested to give the country the benchit of his labors until that time. The exposure of the telegram sent by Chandler to Governor Stearns, that Florida must be car-ried for Hayes by fair means or otherwise, and that he was authorized by both the Pre ident and the secretary of war to say that troops and money would be furnished for that troops and money would be furnished for that purpose, looks dam-agingly bad for the ad-ministration, particularly so, since the troops arrived promptly on time, with Chandler a tutte in advance of the troops. The suction-pump cross-examination has been too much for Old Zach, and will pall a great deal of un-willing truth out of him should be attempt to ontradict the above telegram.

lective memory will now be thoroughly re-reshed. Belknap has demanded of our local ourts a speedy trial on the indictment ending against him. He evidently has lost confidence in the inauguration of Hayes, and don't wish to rest his hopes of pardon in S. Tilden. His only escape from the penitentiary is through a pardon from Grant before his term expires. Schenck, Delano, Babcock and Belknap have not taken a very prominate the schiller of the country of nent part in politics this winter. The country seems to be quite tired of injured innocence. Only six weeks more of Grant. Let us be truly thankful. Blaine preserves a discreet silence in the senate. It is a good thing sometime to have a physician's certificate in convergetat. Useless Grant is, is not going your pocket. Useless Grant, jr., is not going to marry "a daughter of a prominent Phila-delphia lawyer." He don't like the legiti-mate, neither does the "old man." Logan's mate, neither does the 'old man. Logan's exit from the compromise committee was such a kindness to the country that the nation ought to forgive him for his good taste in not boring us with his presence in the senate again by declining a renomination. But, really, Johnny, wasn't it sour grapes? There is hardly any contingency possible, consistent with the character of the proposed tribumg; and Italian consuls will proceed to Cettin; e to-day, it is reported, to induce Prince Nit holas to make peace if the Porte will cede to Idontenegro the twelve districts demanded. Not be the twelve districts demanded. Here with the Rads just now, MorMontenegro allows the Turks to send into
Nichscis twelve tons of provisions during Frelinghuysen in the senate, on Monday, and proceeded to deliver his harangue in oppos tion to the electoral bill. As usual he bega with a partisan introduction, continually dis given which will satisfy the strong expectations now entertained that the prospect of a European war is obviated."

An American Ship Struck by LightNew York, January 30.—A cable special an nounces the American ship Dakota from a gramment all. He declared the action of a no argument all. He declared the action of a gramment all. He declared the action of a large and satisfy the strong expectations now entertained that the prospect of a made the broadest partisan motives, and made the broadest partisan motives, and made the broadest partisan motives, and made the broadest partisan insinuations, going is now settled. Permits are granted at a moderate charge; and in case of violations of the conditions, lines will be imposed. It is noticed that among the public notifications amount amount assurance will be incomed at a moderate charge; and in case of violations of the conditions, lines will be imposed. It is noticed that among the public notifications amount amount amount as a moderate charge; and in case of violations of the conditions, lines will be imposed. It is noticed that among the public notifications amount of the said Railways, to promulgate the said Railways, to promulgate amount of the said Railways, to promulgate and provided the said Railways and the subject of licenses to foreigners for shooting is now settled. Permits are granted at a moderate charge; and in case of violations of the conditions.

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Arkansas Patrons of Rushandry.

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Little Rock, January 29.—The State and for three superior courts, composed of one or two judges each, to sit in Knowlike, Nashville and Memphis, we don't think there would be any objection to it, but that it would commend itself to lewyers and people alike.

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little of his bottled-up gas in opposition to the bill, but it was really so exceedingly "wishy-washy" that it deserves no more than a passing admission that he "sed suthin." Two political events of the past week are o special good cheer to the nation. Two active Proposed Reduction of the President's and malignant Jacobins in the senate have been served with notice to quit. We refer to Powell Clayton, the Arkansas swindler an Groton Grocer Boutwell. They drop out of public life without a single regret or kindly word from even the organs of their own party. The saddest wreck after the passage of the compromise bill, will be Mr. Ferry. He immediately passes into atter insignifi-cance. Nobody will care for his views as to the validity of the returns, nor whether he

Wholesale Conspiracy Unearthed Result to the Radicals of the Debate

Washington, January 30,—The Oregon lectoral case was the subject of a long disussion in the senate committee on privileges teal elections to-day. A large number of tel-grams have yet to be offered in evidence.

clothes-screen, a puff-ball, and unsubstantial entity. The two nurses, Edmunds and Thur-man, take no notice of him. Dr. Bayard regards him with indifference. Even the maid of all work, Morton, treats him with

Wood, chief of the consulate bureau of the state department, has returned from a secret ission to Europe, where he made rigid inpry into the affairs of the consulates in the incipal seaports of Great Britain, Prance d Germany. The result is that a number f importers in this and other cities are to be promptly prosecuted, revenue officers re-moved, and consuls in conspiracy to defraud the government are to be dismissed in dis-

Massachusetts and Virginia clasped hands over the bloody chasu, in the house by Prof. Seeley, of the both advocating the electoral bill. The vioent manner in which the Radicals are op-posing the bill means mischief. The con-spirators don't want a fair count, of course, and they are afraid under the proposed arrangement such a thing will come to pass but the friends of the bill are bold and fear ess, and we have no doubt ere this reache you it will have passed both houses. At th present time it is hard to realize how greatly he nation is indebted to the wisdom and pa triotism of the members of the joint commit tee. The situation was graver, than mos people are aware. It is but just and fair to say that the republican members of the committee deserve special honor for their man stand against the violence of the Jacobins heir party. Pursuing the Oregon elector Morton's sub-committee is like looking the needle in the hay stack, for they ha liscovered nothing as yet, and ultimately the investigation will and in a fizzle. Grant ju tifies his sending soldiers south during the election by the enforcement act. As this ac was pronounced unconstitutional by the su preme court of the United States, and h enew it, his excuse is sheer falsehood. love for low-down, disreputable men ag showed itself by his vetoing the bill aboli ng our corrupt police board, which pass both houses unanimously. It is worse than his defending Boss Shepherd, Dick Harring ton, Belknap, and the whisky-ring thieves Beecher gave us fifty cents worth of his ran on Wednesday night. While he had a good house, many went only to see the man, cari nothing for his lecture, "Hard Times, certainly does the christian community good to tolerate this fellow in their churches. Washington, just at present, is almost deluged with female lobbyists, pickpockets and confidence women, some of whom are seen ingly educated and respectable ladies. Rathe bad argument for woman suffrage. W commend their cases to Susan B. Anthony and Dr. Mary Walker. The resolution in the house, offered by Mr. Ward, to investigate the authority of the President for sending troops in the southern States during the lat lection will have the effect to teach Grant obedience to the civil law. His correction comes late, still, better late than never; and were it not for the more important subject now before congress, and the shortness of 1 political life, Grant would certainly be peached, and, to judge from the feeling the senate on the electoral bill, would u doubtedly be convicted.

HONG KONG.

Latest Dates by Steamer from Beyon the Setting Sun-The Boston Bark Milo Wrecked -Agrarian Disturbances, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 30.—The Belgi as arrived from Hong Kong, via Yokobama with Hong Kong dates of January 2d, and Shanghai January 3d. The Boston bark Milo was wrecked off the Chinese const, near Amoy, and proved a total loss. The cap tain and crew were saved. There are new reports of disaster to the army of Genera fighting against the forces of Yakub A big Chinese steamship line is to be estab-ished between Shanghai and Japanese ports Copies of a government proclamation respect-ing the terms of the Yunen settlement were publicly posted throughout the empire in accordance with stipulations of Chefoo Bnon In spite of the announcement to the contrary the United States consular postoffice will be continued at Shanghai. The first installment of the payment for the Woosung railroad, ninety-five thousand taels, was delivered the local authorities of Shanghai. There

YOKOHAMA, January 12.—The agrariar disturbances are ended, and tranquillity is established everywhere. The long dispu

MISSISSIPPI.

A General Rush with Legislative Business-The New Representative Apportionment Bill Passed.

Differences Between the House and Senate on the Revenue Bills-Reduction of Expenses-Ames's Memoirs.

Special to the Appeal.

JACKSON, January 30.-The close of the present session being only two days away, the general rush to press the basiness through which usually characterizes the last hours of egislative bodies is particularly noticeable in the Mississippi legislature. The bill authorzing a new representative apportionment in the State, so that each county will have at least one representative, has gone to the governor for his signature. It has excited more lebate and feeling than any other measure proposed during the session. The senate and house have been widely apart on both the ap-propriation and revenue bills. So positive is this difference that to this hour there is no agreement, but it is supposed the conference committees of the two houses will determine favor of cutting the expenses of the governnent down to a fine margin, while the house is not quite so parsimonious in its ideas. An effort was made yesterday to reduce the pay of members of the legislature, but only a reduction of mileage was necomplished. The unjority believe five hundred dollars a year small enough; the compensation for mileage was cut from twenty to ten cents per mile. The Southern express company has its bilt of incorporation ready for the governor's sig-The fee and salary bill, which advances the fees of county officers twenty per cent., is likely to become a law. The bill in-corporating the Agricultural and Mechanical college was smothered with amendments. The house resolved to day to publish five hundred copies of the Ames testimony. This volume will answer President Grant scharge, that Ames is a refugee from this State.

Suicide of Lieutenant John Weldon. San Francisco, January 20.—Lieutenant John Weldon, of the United States engineer corps, was found, hear midnight last night, ying dead on a sofa in his room, at No. 726 Bush street. Near the body were found two the first hour he discussed the constitutionality of the bill, and for the next hour and a half he handled the Vice-Presidency pretended the vice-Presidency the physicians, a few friends of the deceased and the coroner. The circumstances of the cause are as yet unknown, all parties being very reticent. It is understood that he left a letter for his sister. Mrs. Commodore Maury, out none of its contents have been divulged

from the days of the continental congress down to the present time, all completely annihilating the claims now made for the president.

Denth from Hydrophebia. Cincinnari, January 28.—Charles R. Wet-nore, twenty-six years of age, died at five 'clock this morning of hydrophobia, after visions of the bill; that Hayes must, and shall Thursday last. The deceased was bitten last summer three times by one dog and once by another. The symptoms first manifested themselves on Thursday last; he did not summon a physician until Friday, who did not fully comprehend the case. The case developing more fully Friday night another physician was called, who could only relieve the patient with hypodermic injections. Wetmore was a native of St. Johns, New Brunswick, and had relations in San Francisco.

California Election Contest.

man Press, Special Advist, has written a stating his intention, it congressman elect. stating his intention of contesting the elec-tion on the ground that contesting the elec-nine thousand fraudulent votes, they having been cast on certificates of enrollment and that the names of the voters were not entered on the great register. He also alleges that Davis received four thousand votes that

Florida Legislature. Savannah, January 30.-A Tallahassee special to the News says that the assembly passed a bill to pay the Democratic Presi-

The Arkansas Legislature. LITTLE ROCK, January 30,-In the lower passed to continue in force the charter of the Helena and Iron Mountain railroad.

MARRIED. RATEMAN - DANBURY - At the residence of the ride's father, January 30, 1877, Mr. Harry C. BATEMAN and Miss BELLE DANBURT. [Cincinnati and Franklin papers please copy.1

der, aged I year and 8 months Funeral this (WEDNESDAY) afternoon, THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In the Fourteenth Civil District will commence or

Monday Next, the Fifth Day of February, nd continue three scholastic months.

By order of the Board.

W. L. MARSH, Secretary.

THE members of the order who desire to attend the public installation of the officers of Bartlett Lodge will meet this (WEDNESDAY), the first, at Trustees' room, at 60g o'clock, or at Louisville Raffroad. Train leaves at 7 o'clock sharp.

By request J. J. ROSS, D. D. G. Master.

ORDERS FROM REX!

Reduced Fares TO MEMPHIS.

The Balloon Ascension

WHEREAS, By Royal Proclamation, the King has declared his intention to enter His Loyal city of MEMPHIS on the 12th day of February, 1877; person.

Now, for the better execution of His will, and for the comfort and economy of His people, IT IS DECREED THAT AD STORM

Be and is hereby empowered to take charge of a WATER CHAFTS touching at the good port of ME PHIS, and that